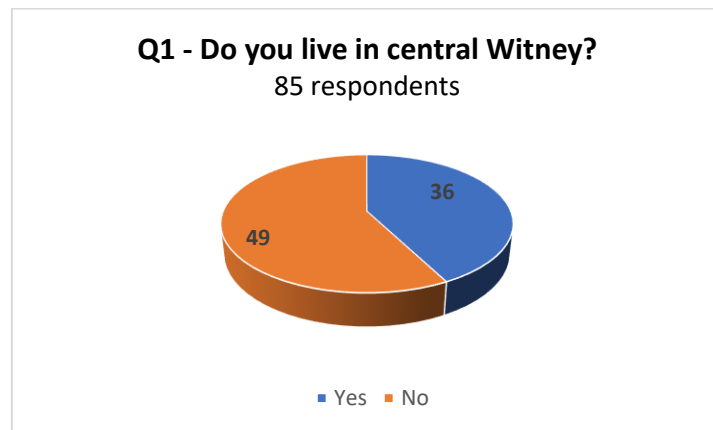


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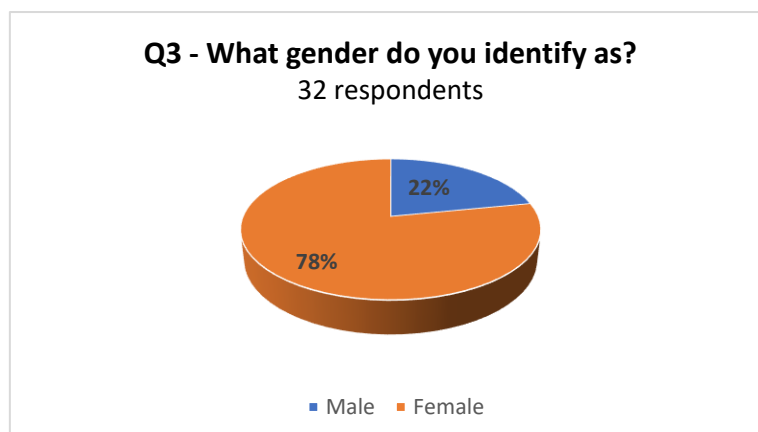
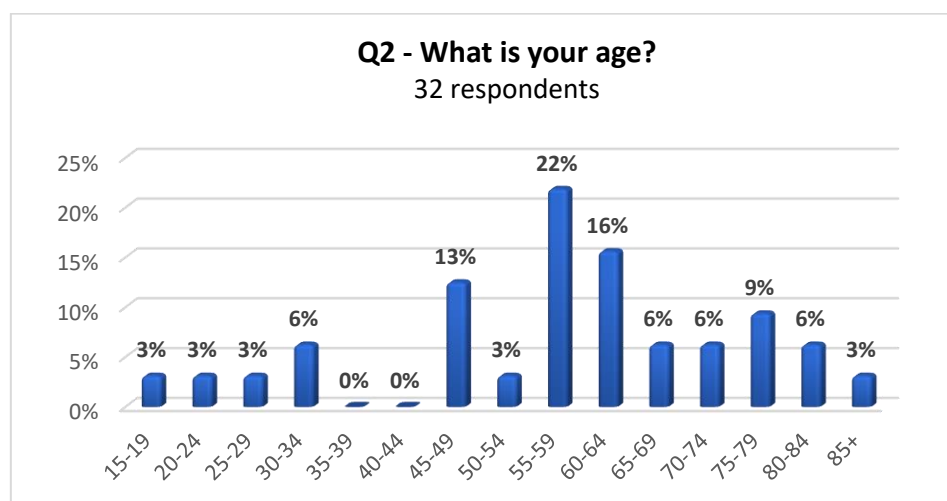
## APPENDIX 4: COMMUNITY SURVEY REPORT

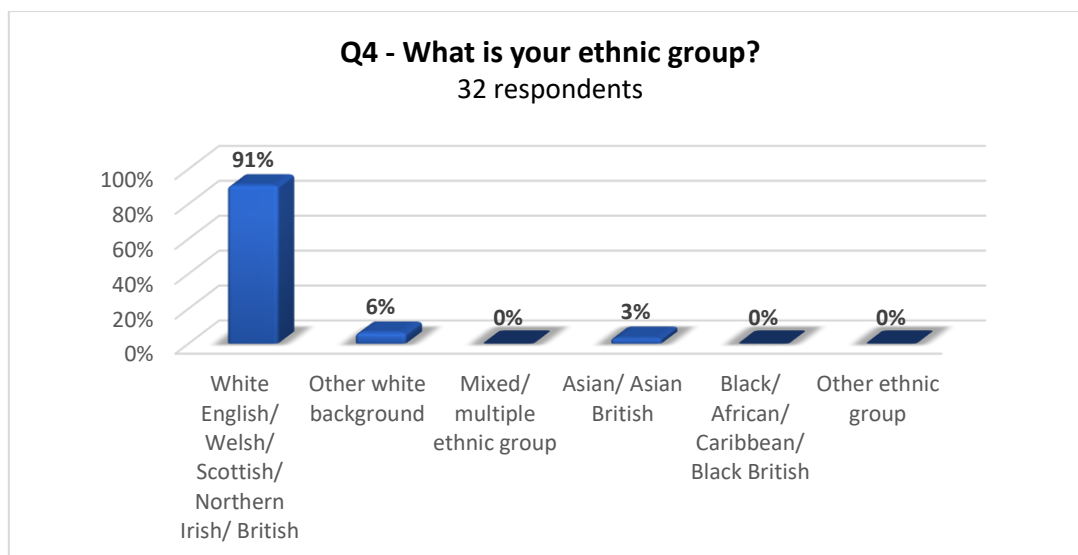
## Community Survey Findings



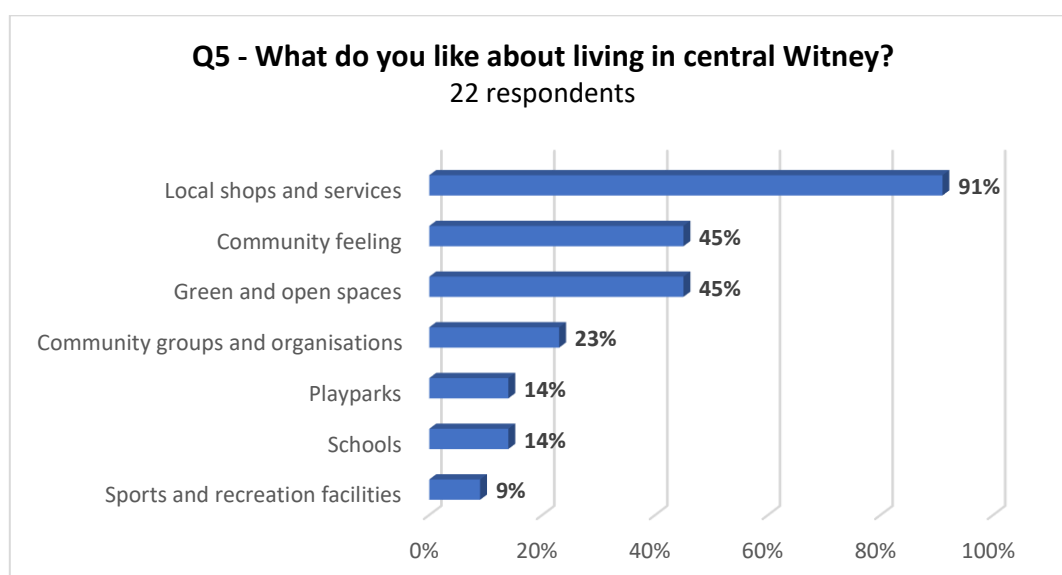
**85 residents** responded to the community survey overall. Only **36 respondents** answered that they lived in central Witney (using the map provided), so the remainder of the survey is out of 36 respondents. Where graphs total less than 36, respondents declined to answer the question.

### About you





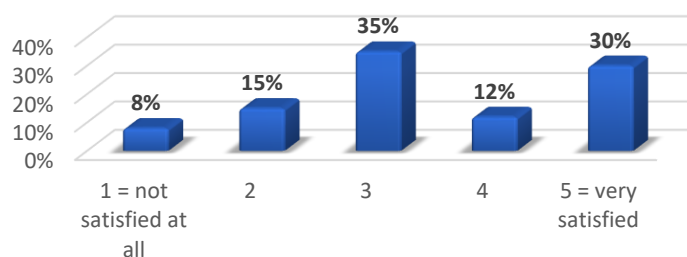
## Living in central Witney



Other (6 respondents):			
Nothing / not much anymore / losing services	3	Workplace	1
20mph speed limit and restricted traffic around Market Square, as cyclist	1	All are great but can't enjoy most due to limited walking ability	1

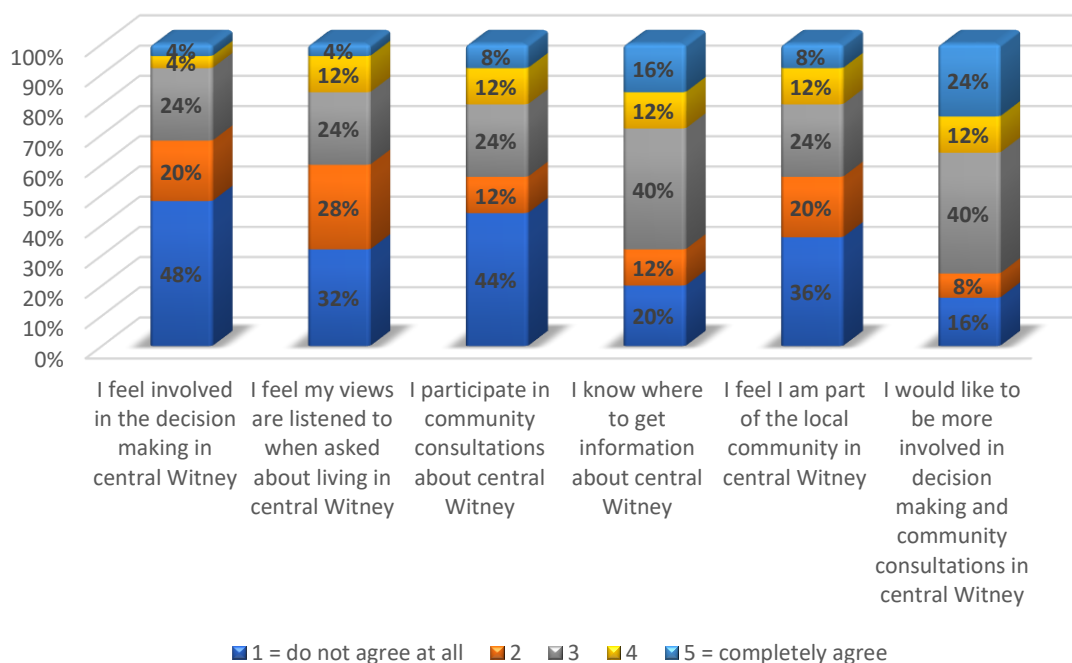
**Q6 - How satisfied are you about central Witney as a place to live on a scale of 1-5?**

26 respondents



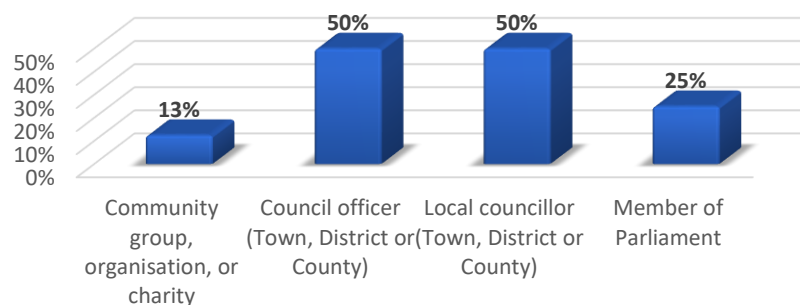
**Q7 - Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

25 respondents



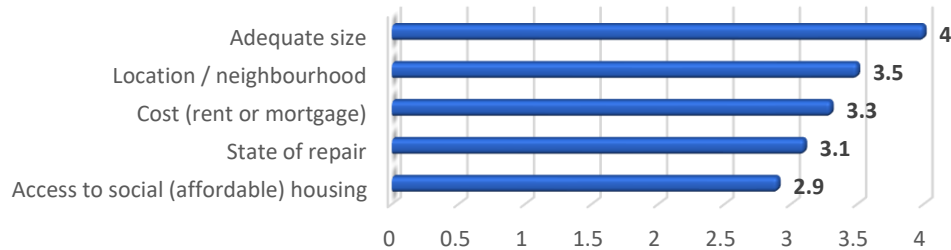
**Q8 - Have you contacted any of the following to seek assistance with an issue or discuss a concern about living in central Witney?**

8 respondents



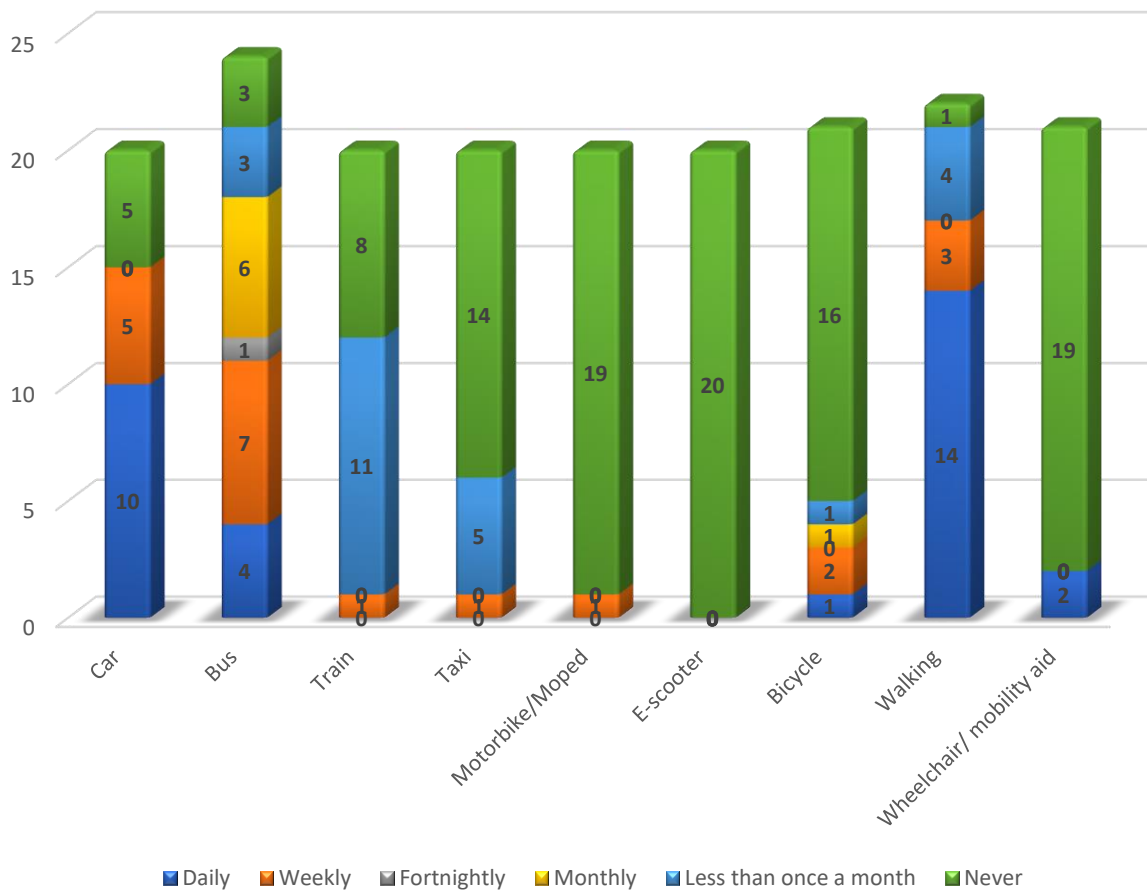
**Q9 - How satisfied are you with your housing situation in each of these areas on a scale of 1-5, 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied?**  
26 respondents

*Weighted average out of 5 (5 being most satisfied)*



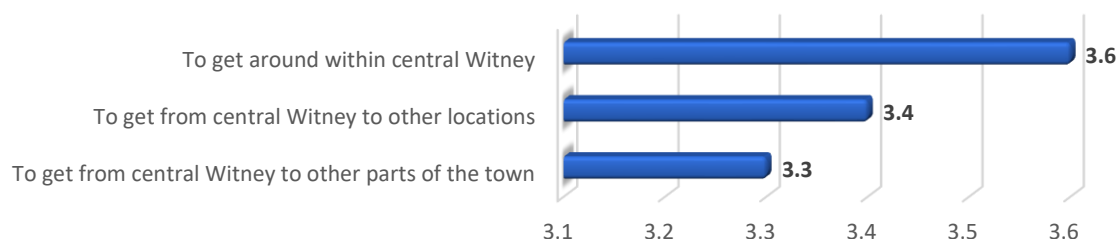
## Your daily life

**Q10 - How often do you/your household use these modes of transport?**  
25 respondents (chart shows actual numbers rather than %)

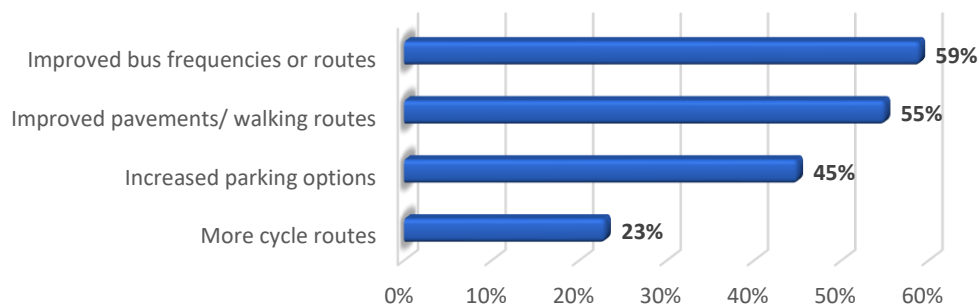


**Q11 - How easy do you find it to get around in and outside of central Witney on a scale of 1-5, 1 = not easy at all, 5 = very easy**  
25 respondents

*Weighted average out of 5 (5 being most easy)*



**Q12 - What would be helpful to you for getting around in central Witney?**  
22 respondents

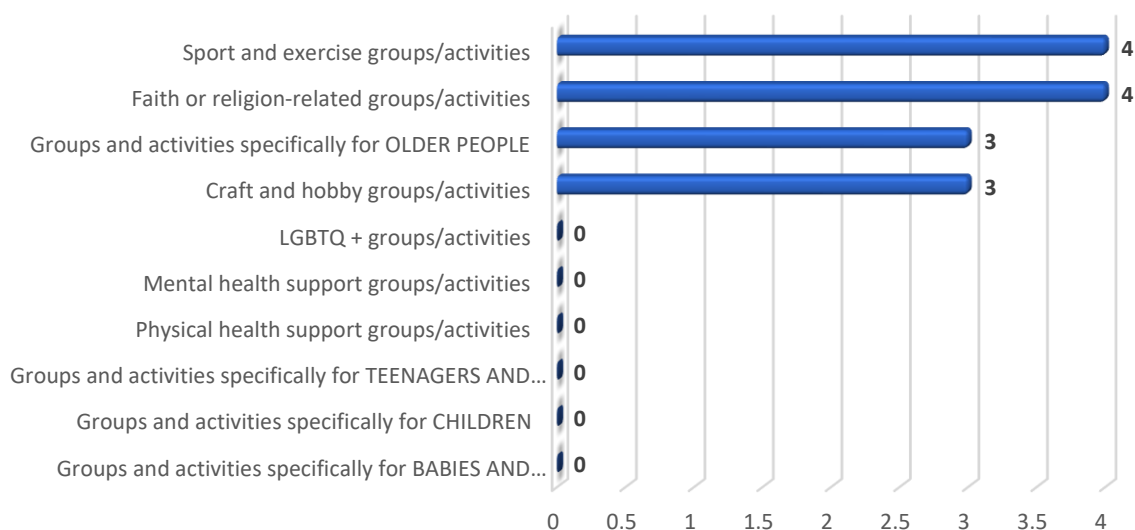


**Other (7 respondents):**

Open up High Street	2	Higher speed limits / reverse 20mph speed limit	2
Enforcement of 20mph limit and restricted traffic area	1	Improved road infrastructure to allow local traffic to use centre of Witney	1
Less through traffic	1	Reduce cost of community bus	1
Better access for mobility scooters/ pushchairs	1	Reinstate train station at Witney	1

### Q13 - Which community groups, classes, or activities do you use in central Witney?

12 respondents (chart shows actual numbers rather than %)

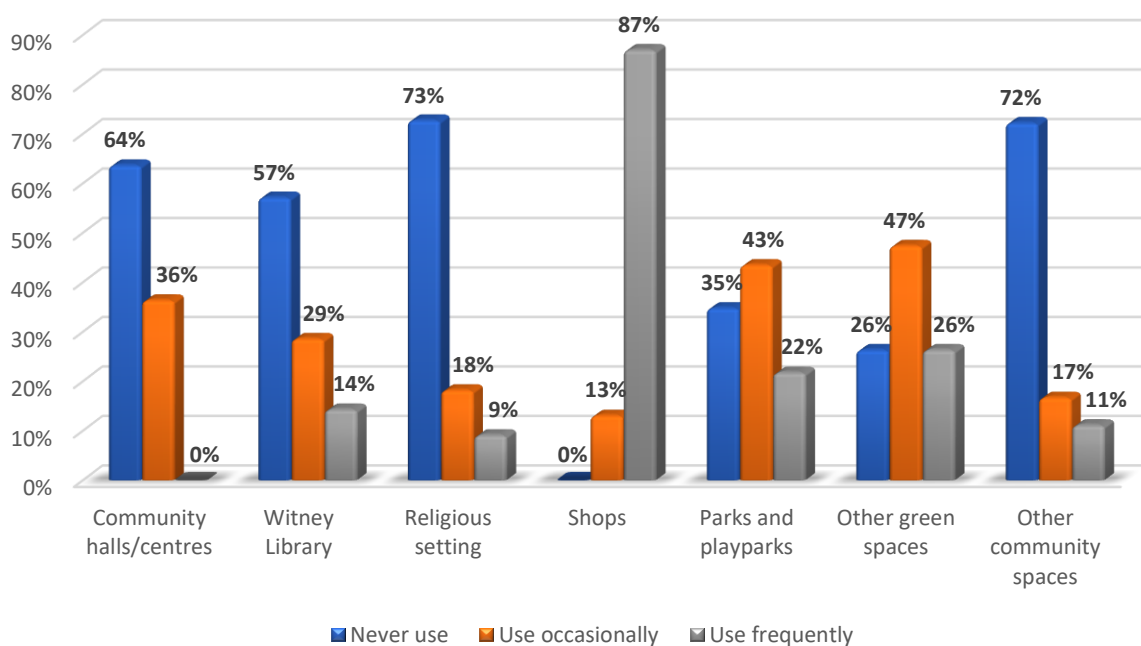


#### Other (4 respondents):

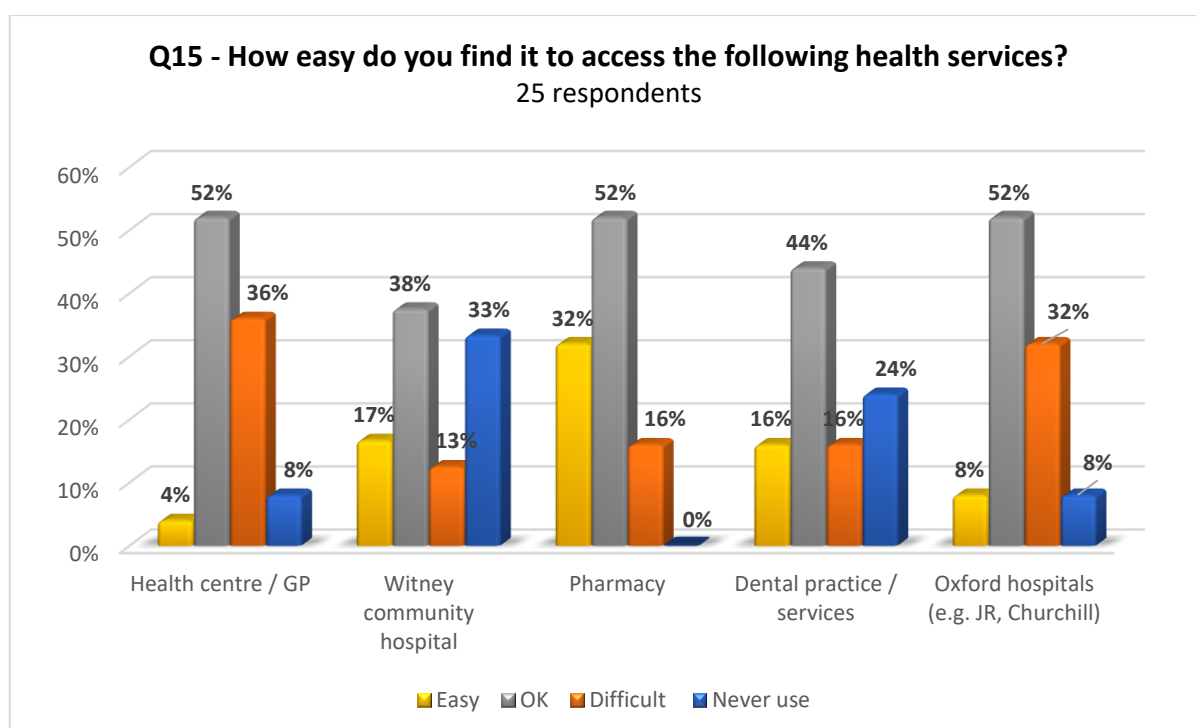
Local church	2	U3A	1
Swimming group	1	Volunteering	1
Would like to use groups for adults but not aware of any	1		

### Q14 - What community spaces and places do you use of go to in central Witney and how often?

24 respondents



Community halls/centres comments (2 respondents):			
Ceewood Hall	1	Café/cinema/events at Corn Exchange	1
Library comments (2 respondents):			
Fantastic place which provides huge number of services for people of all ages and those struggling	1	Most valuable resource	1
Religious setting comments (2 respondents):			
St Mary's Church is very involved in the community	1	Davenport Road Methodist Church	1
Shops comments (5 respondents):			
Good to able to walk to shops / excellent shops within 10 min walk	2	Good variety of shops	1
Could do with retail park (ie, Home Bargains, The Range, Primark)	1	Smiths Estate	1
Parks and playparks comments (5 respondents):			
The Leys (lovely in summer / kids like splash park)	4	Smiths Estate	1
Other green spaces comments (3 respondents):			
Witney Lake and country park is a lovely nature reserve	1	Enjoy walking dog to Kingfisher Meadow, Windrush Place, Deer Park woodland	1
Woeful lack of community sports facilities for town of Witney's size	1		
Other community spaces comments (3 respondents):			
Enjoy walking through Tower Hill cemetery, well cared for	1	Local pubs for quiz night, music events	1
Used to use Windrush Leisure Centre but upkeep is terrible	1	Don't walk around the lake anymore as dog owners allow dogs off leash	1

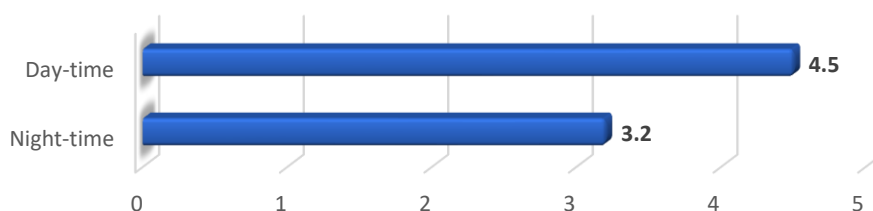




Health centre/GP comments (8 respondents):			
Difficult to get an appointment	3	Harder to get an appointment now with new/ online system	2
Able to get urgent appointment phoning at 8am but feel less able to bother doctor with general ailments	1	Waiting times unreasonably long	1
Very good local GPs at Nuffield Practice	1		
Witney Community Hospital comments (2 respondents):			
Wonderful facility and has saved on lengthy trips to Oxford	1	Waiting times unreasonably long	1
Pharmacy comments (2 respondents):			
Deer Park Boots – rarely have prescriptions ready	1	Easier to have prescriptions sent to Charlbury Pharmacy than wait for chemist in town to do them	1
Dental practice/services comments (7 respondents):			
Can't access NHS dentist / need more NHS dentists	5	Can't access one	1
Have local one now but had to use one in Oxford for years	1		
Oxford hospitals comments (8 respondents):			
H2 bus route is very useful	3	Need direct bus route to Churchill and/or Nuffield	2
Need bus from bus garage to JR / Churchill	1	Have looked after me well	1
Getting referrals is very difficult with rude staff and bad website	1	Access to Warneford particularly difficult and out of date facilities / regulations	1

**Q16 - Tell us how safe you feel in the community at different times of day on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not safe at all, 5 = very safe**  
25 respondents

*Weighted average out of 5 (5 being most safe)*



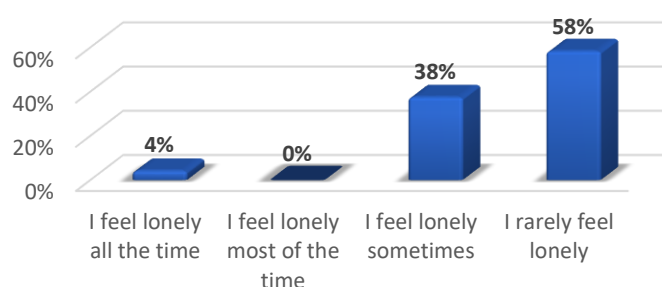
### Q17 – Tell us more about your feelings of safety?

Comments (8 respondents):

Better street lighting and cameras	2	Witney has been getting more rough recently maybe due to lack of police	1
Drug dealing at Tower Hill cemetery so not happy walking through there	1	Don't like going to Tesco on Smiths Estate after dark due to amount of foreign people hanging around	1
Teenagers race up and down strip of parking near The Leys – dangerous and loud		As a woman I feel less safe at night. Maybe introduce a one-night-a-week curfew in town for men - women only night! Not a bad deal considering women are on effective curfew all the other nights of the week. (Not a complete joke!).	1
Feels fairly safe in general	1		

### Q18 - Which of the following statements do you agree with?

24 respondents



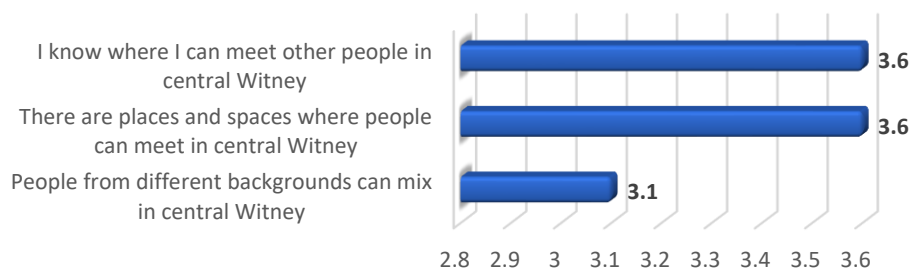
Comments (1 respondent):

Work hard to maintain friendships	1		
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### Q19 - Tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements on a scale of 1-5: 1 = do not agree at all, 5 = completely agree

23 respondents

*Weighted average out of 5 (5 being most agreed with)*

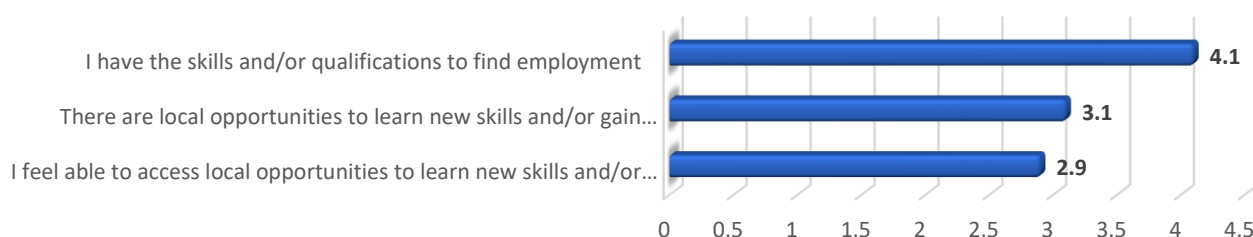


Comments (4 respondents):			
Would like to hear more about meeting people in Witney / don't really know of any	2	Let people know where to meet by letter – not everyone is online	1
People struggling with money might find it difficult to mix as most options involve buying a coffee etc.	1		

**Q20 - Tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements on a scale of 1-5: 1 = do not agree at all, 5 = completely agree**

20 respondents

*Weighted average out of 5 (5 being most agreed with)*

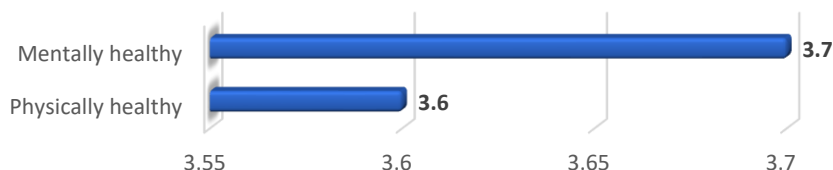


## Your health and wellbeing

**Q21 - How healthy do you consider yourself, both physically and mentally, on a scale of 1-5: 1 = not healthy at all, 5 = very healthy**

24 respondents

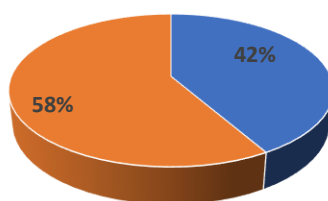
*Weighted average out of 5 (5 being most healthy)*



Comments (6 respondents):			
Have dissociative identity disorder, mental health services (local and Warneford) refuse to do anything and having to wait 1 year between appointments	1	Heart attacks and heart disease but due to cost of living and could not claim enough to pay mortgage, it's back to work I go	1
COPD, trapped nerve in spine	1	Health conditions are normal age-related ones	1
Mentally – struggling from sudden separation	1	Mentally – would like to find places to meet up with adults for coffee/chat	1

**Q22 - Do you have a long-standing illness or disability that affects day to day life?**

24 respondents



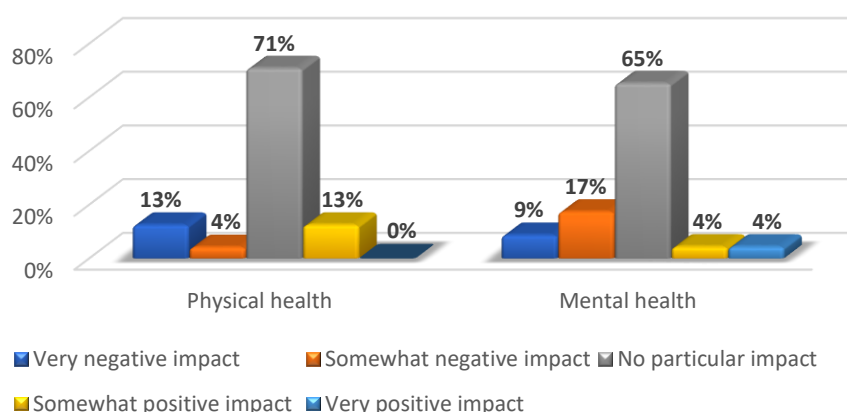
■ Yes ■ No

**Comments (6 respondents):**

ADD	1	Diabetes	1
Fibromyalgia	1	Nerve damage	1
Arthritis	1	Dissociative identity disorder	1

**Q23 - Has the COVID-19 pandemic had any long-term impacts on your physical or mental health?**

24 respondents



■ Very negative impact ■ Somewhat negative impact ■ No particular impact  
 ■ Somewhat positive impact ■ Very positive impact

**Other (5 respondents):**

Wife suffered badly from it	1	Anxious leaving house at times	1
Increased anxiety of getting ill and social anxiety in large crowds	1	Went to work all through pandemic so not restricted but also didn't get paid time off	1
Became more into fitness and have carried that on	1		

### Q24 - What do you do to look after your health/ yourself?

22 respondents

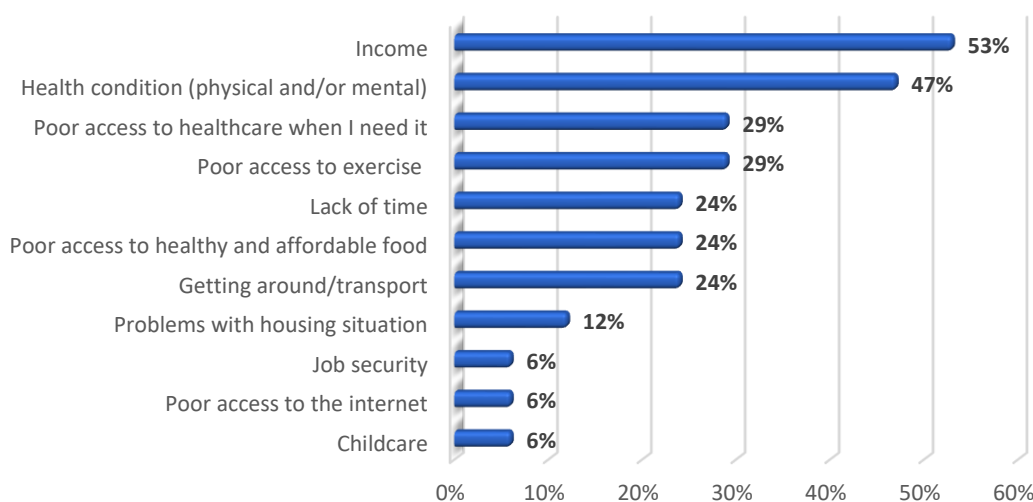


#### Other (3 respondents):

Play music in a band	1	Communal lounge	1
Activity is a bit restricted	1		

### Q25 - What things have made it more difficult for you to look after yourself/ your household?

17 respondents

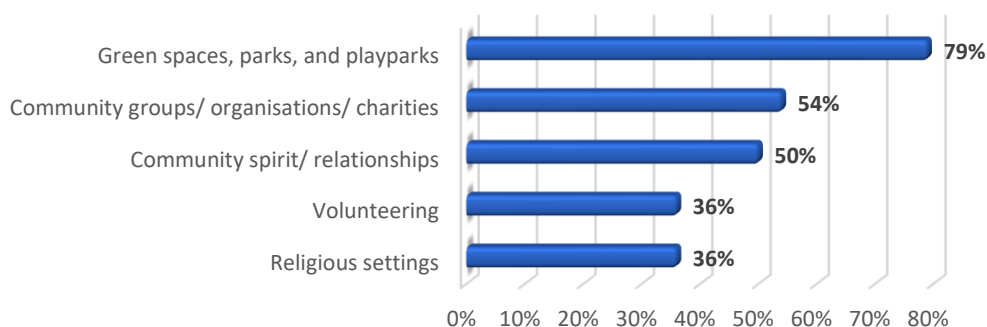


#### Other (3 respondents):

Not knowing where to go	1	Trouble looking after large garden due to physical condition	1
Windrush Leisure Centre - pool, exercise rooms, changing rooms etc are really sub-par, pool and changing area too cold and dirty, most of centre in need of cleaning, water coming inside from the leaking roof	1		

**Q26 - What do you think supports health and wellbeing in central Witney?**

14 respondents

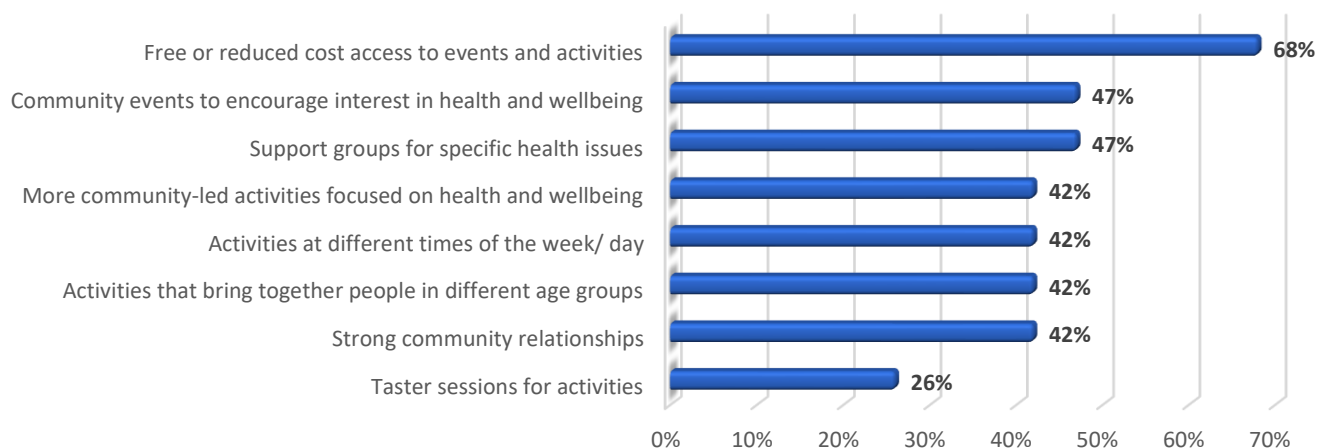


**Other (4 respondents):**

Park Run	1	The Leys and the Lake	1
Making spaces/groups accessible to all people, not just affordable but at times that suit everyone and with good advertising	1	A functioning mental health service - all these distraction techniques don't work for complex and/or severe conditions	1

**Q27 - What do you think would help improve the health and wellbeing of people living in central Witney?**

19 respondents

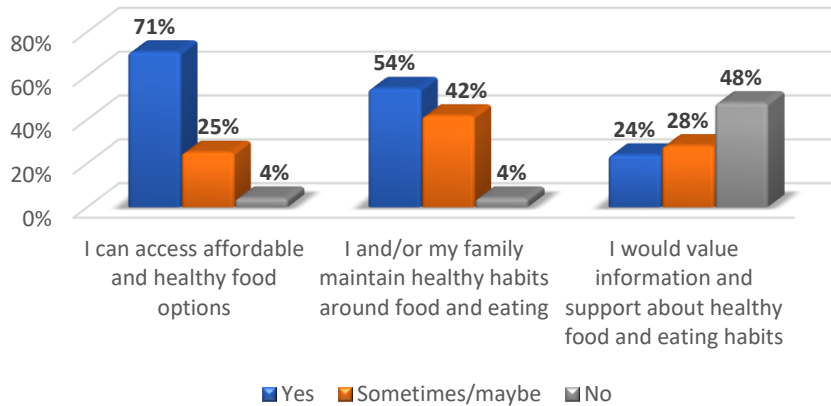


**Other (3 respondents):**

Variety of classes	1	Specific social groups for different mental illnesses/disorders	1
Comprehensive regular newsletter which brings together all the information about what's on, not just community led but also pubs, clubs, cinema	1		

**Q28 - In relation to food, do you agree with the following statements?**

24 respondents

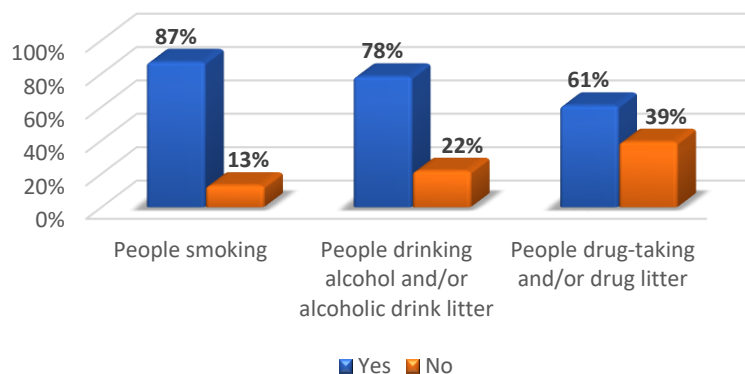


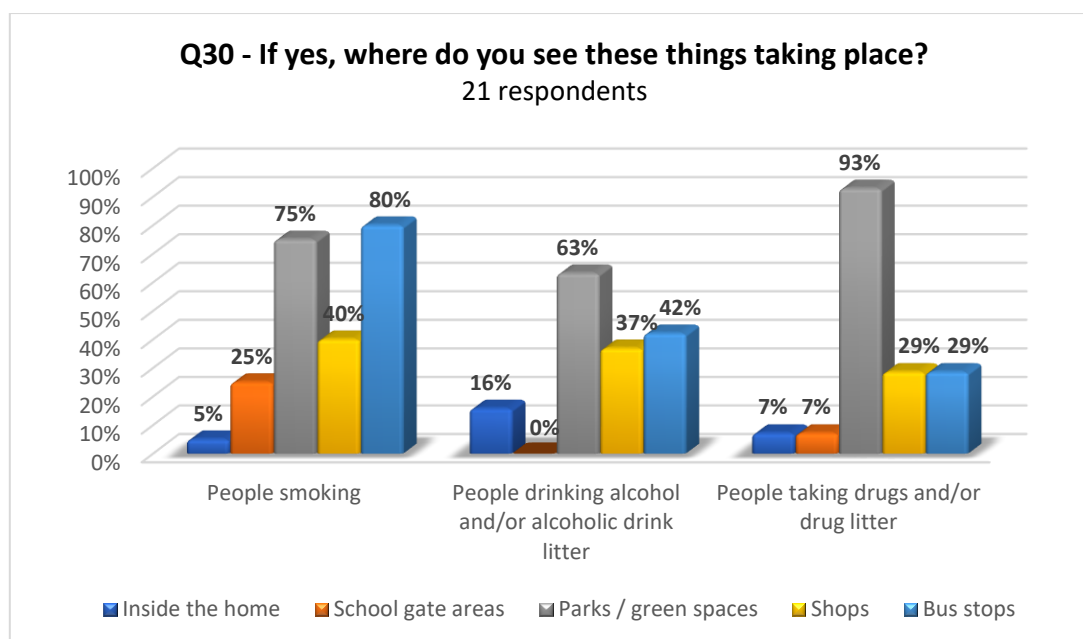
**Other (3 respondents):**

I know but can't afford it all	1	Am aware but have issues around food	1
Full education for all, especially children, on what's healthy to eat and a total ban of unhealthy foods in schools/pre-schools and have young be involved in cooking their own school lunches and for adults, nutritionist/community-led [sessions] on what's healthy and what's not	1		

**Q29 - Do you notice any of the following activities taking place in central Witney?**

23 respondents





Other (8 respondents):			
Cannabis smoked everywhere / you can smell the drugs around	2	Other people's houses on Smiths Estate, you can smell the weed	1
Tower Hill cemetery	1	The Leys	1
Astroturf	1	Litter strewn everywhere, including Buttercross and playparks	1
Litter bad on footpath to McDonalds, often including shattered glass	1		

## Your personal experiences of health and wellbeing

### 5 comments

- My personal experience with mental illness and the interactions with local services is not pleasant long story short I got fed up with the run around which lasted ten years i went to a private service which assessed and diagnosed me within a month from first contact to assessment never before had been treated with dignity and like a human being by any professional. The shock of the difference honestly made me emotional 😞. Local mental health in fact national services need full strip down from top to bottom complete modernisation and overhaul.
- Very difficult to assess GP'S services.
- I am trying to reduce my weight. The GP Surgery have been very supportive, offering free sessions with Slimming World, which was very motivating.
- We decided to do without a car when we moved to Witney a year ago. Central Witney provides all we need for everyday living. Stress can be caused by the traffic on the A40 when we get the bus to Oxford!
- I would like more walking groups for people who don't want a long hike.